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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has roped in United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and National Productivity Council (NPC) to sensitize relevant stakeholders about its reform initiatives;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the said move makes a shift in the way India has been looking at the World Bank"s ranking after questioning for years the methodology adopted by the multilateral body; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a)&(b): Yes Madam. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce has engaged United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and National Productivity Council (NPC).
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) was engaged by DIPP to obtain feedback from the respondents/end users on the reforms undertaken under Ease of Doing Business across all the 10 indicators of the World Bank's Doing Business Report. National Productivity Council (NPC) was engaged by DIPP to take feedback from the respondents in Delhi and Mumbai on 7 out of the 10 indicators of the World Bank's Doing Business Report.
(c) & (d): The objective of the engagement is not to challenge the World Bank's Doing Business Report but to assess various reforms implemented till date realistically, to see whether the reforms were captured by earlier World Bank's surveys and to take corrective action for improving India's Rank in World Bank's Doing Business Report, 2018.
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